

# Torrance Herald

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## District Welfare Council Name Is Altered Again

Change of name to "First District Welfare Council," was voted at the December meeting of the Torrance District Welfare Council. This change signifies the importance of the Torrance Welfare Center as the first one opened by the Community, and also meets a long felt need of the group to give equal prestige to Lomita and Gardena, which also sponsor the center. There has long been the wish to find some name which would belong equally to all parts of the welfare area.

It was reported that in the future the welfare center will have somewhat changed boundaries, as Harbor City had petitioned the Metropolitan Welfare Council for affiliation with the Harbor district. A committee meeting with representatives of Harbor City was convinced that the interests of that community would be better served by making the change; and the petition was granted.

There was discussion of recreation projects for the benefit of the area, and Joel Hagberg was appointed chairman of a committee to draw up proposals for a recreation program to be backed by the First District Welfare Council.

Adolph Platky, chairman of the group, issued an invitation to all communities within the area to bring their welfare problems to the Council at its regular meeting time, the third Tuesday evening of each month.

## Nearby Refinery Fire Cause Of \$25,000 Damage

Three explosions and fire Sunday night destroyed four tanks at the Dominguez plant of the Shell Oil Co., doing more than \$25,000 damage according to L. R. Goldsmith, plant superintendent. The plant is located just east of Torrance.

No lives were lost and none of the 100 workmen on the job were injured.

About 100,000 gallons of gasoline in three open-top tanks and three storage tanks burned.

Cause of the fire has not been determined. But Goldsmith said he believes the blaze was caused by "flashing back of gasoline vapors which had reached a boiler."

The plant will be out of service for a week.

The explosions occurred when the flames reached the three open-top tanks. Observers estimated the flames shot upward as high as 300 feet, but Goldsmith doubted that they were higher than 100 feet.

The explosions occurred at 9:30 p. m. Forty company firemen using foam had the blaze under control by 11 p. m., and the blaze was extinguished by midnight.

The huge spurting flames attracted sightseers from the entire harbor area. The California highway patrol and deputy sheriffs blocked off all highways leading to the plant.

Only one of the six small buildings in the fire are burned entirely, Goldsmith said.

## Report Army Pay Exceeds Average Family Income

As a result of the recent establishment of new pay scales, a private in the United States Army now receives an income in excess of that enjoyed by half the families of the United States as of last year, according to recruiting S/Sgt. Earl M. Bryant, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building, Torrance.

"The cash remuneration of \$75 per month which the private receives is only a small fraction of his actual income," Sgt. Bryant said. "Hidden pay" in the form of free food, clothing, lodging, dental care and other benefits bring his weekly pay check to the equivalent of about \$40 a week, or a total of \$2,080 a year.

Taking advantage of the new Army situation, Jack E. Ham, 1638 Pacific Coast highway, last week enlisted for an 18-month tour of duty with the Army unassigned, according to Sgt. Bryant.



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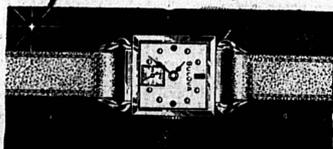
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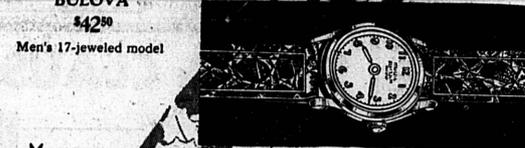
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